(9) to provide fianancial and/or other aid to indigent and meritorious students;

(10) to provide guidance to students regarding educational and vocational choices, securing financial support for education or regarding any other educational/vocational matter;

(11) to function as a data bank regarding the education in India and of similar information regarding the education of minority groups in India and abroad;

(12) to undertake preparation and or publication of written material of all kinds including journals and other periodicals, or preparation and dissemination of material for other mass media, that will sub serve the objects of the Foundation;

(13) to affiliate to itself or to collaborate with societies/organisations seeking the same objectives or objectives similar to those of the Foundation so that the programme/activities leading to the achievement of these objectives may be better and more effectively co-ordinated;

(14) to raise/mobilise all such funds as are necessary and adequate for implementing the programmes/ activities of the Foundation and to control/regulate the disbursement of such funds;

(15) to provide special assistance and opportunity to the youth especially women for technical and vocational education, coaching of candidates for competitive examinations and entrance to professional colleges, remedial and promotional classes at the middle and higher secondary school, and provision of hostels for girls;

(16) to provide education and training to artisans' children both in the fields related to their ancestral skills as well as general education;

(17) to establish or assist in establishment of Care Home for women in distress and also train them in job oriented trades so that they may stand on their own legs and live as useful citizens;

(18) to establish or assist In establishment of reches and nursery schools in thickly populated muslim areas with a view to encouraging more women to seek even small jobs and improve their economic conditions;

(19) to undertake all such activities that are not specifically mentioned in the aims and objects listed above, but will all the same, promote these objectives and will help Indian Muslims attain the same level of education and development as the advanced sections of Indian Society;

(20) to conduct programme for upgrading the teaching skills of the teachers of Educational Institutions founded and managed by Muslim;

Joint Venture with British Gas Companies

4659. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of PRTROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission is considering any joint venture with the British Gas Companies for the development of the existing oil and natural gas exploration work; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b): A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in 1991 between ONGC and British Gas, U.K. for cooperation over a period of two years in all aspects of technical activity associated with evaluation and development of hydrocarbon resources.